

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MODIFICATION OF POINTING DEVICE FUNCTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH DYNAMIC SORTING, DISPLAYING, LISTING, AND ACTIVATION

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An Operation Modification Program is disclosed that alters the functions performed with a user input device in conjunction with a Drop Down Menu Program. The Drop Down Menu Program provides for the elimination of some manual steps required by a user when employing a user input device for operations involving activation, selection, sorting and scrolling. The

10 Operation Modification Program provides for modification of pointer device functions to eliminate additional manual steps that would be required by a user with the Drop Down Menu Program. The user may configure the modifications or the user may operate using default settings. Five modifications are provided: pointer-over, pointer-over-with-highlighting, pointer-over-with-clicking, pointer-over-with highlighting-and-clicking, and pointer-movement. The five

15 modifications provide for auto-detection, auto-determination, and auto-execution thereby eliminating one or more manual movements by a user. Each of the five modifications can be applied in the areas of activation, selection, scrolling and sorting.

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